WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A system for associating historical information
- 2 with corresponding sensory data received from a recording
- 3 device and for performing functional operations on the
- 4 sensory data, the sensory data including a plurality of
- 5 sensory data elements, said system comprising:
- a memory for storing the sensory data and
- 7 associated historical information;
- a display for viewing the sensory data stored in
- 9 the memory;
- a computing device coupled to said memory and
- 11 said display, said computing device operable to generate
- 12 a plurality of historical data elements corresponding to
- 13 the historical information, at least one historical data
- 14 element being uniquely associated with a corresponding
- 15 sensory data element; and
- an input device coupled to said computing device
- for selecting a functional operation to be applied to at
- 18 least one sensory data element, said computing device

- 19 forming at least one historical data element and
- 20 corresponding historical information.
- 2. The system according to claim 1, wherein the
- 22 sensory data includes at least one of the following:
- visual, auditory, aural, pressure, and
- temperature.
 - 1 3. The system according to claim 1, wherein the
 - 2 historical information includes data representative of the
 - 3 functional operations performed on at least one sensory
 - 4 data element.
 - 1 4. The system according to claim 1, wherein the
 - 2 historical data elements are binary values corresponding
 - 3 to the historical information.
 - 1 5. The system according to claim 1, wherein each of
 - 2 the at least one historical data element is concatenated
 - 3 with the uniquely associated sensory data element.

- 1 6. The system according to claim 1, wherein the
- 2 sensory data remains unmodified.
- 7. The system according to claim 1, wherein said
- 2 computing device renders the sensory data according to the
- 3 historical data elements and corresponding historical
- 4 information.

- 1 8. A system for preserving historical operations
- 2 associated with sensory data, the system comprising:
- a memory for storing the sensory data and
- 4 historical information representative of the historical
- 5 operations;
- a processor, coupled to said memory, operable to
- 7 generate the historical information based upon the
- 8 historical operations being performed, said processor
- 9 further generating historical data elements associated
- 10 with the historical information, and corresponding the
- 11 historical data elements to the sensory data; and
- a storage medium coupled to said processor for
- 13 storing the sensory data, historical information, and
- 14 historical data elements.
- 1 9. The system according to claim 8, wherein the
- 2 sensory data includes a plurality of sensory data elements
- 3 having at least one historical data element corresponding
- 4 therewith.

- 1 10. The system according to claim 9, wherein the at
- 2 least one historical data element is appended to a
- 3 corresponding sensory data element.
- 1 11. The system according to claim 8, further
- 2 comprising a data port, coupled to said processor,
- 3 operable to communicate the sensory data.
- 1 12. The system according to claim 8, further
- 2 comprising a display, coupled to said processor, for
- 3 displaying at least a portion of the sensory data as
- 4 affected by the historical operations.
- 1 13. The system according to claim 8, wherein the
- 2 sensory data and historical data elements are stored in a
- 3 datafile.

- 1 14. A method for maintaining functional operations
- 2 applied to sensory data, the method comprising:
- 3 forming a plurality of first and second data
- 4 fields having one-to-one correspondence, a first data
- 5 field including a sensory data element, and a second data
- 6 field including an historical data element corresponding
- 7 to at least one functional operation performed on the
- 8 sensory data element; and
- 9 storing the plurality of first and second data
- 10 fields.
 - 1 15. The method according to claim 14, wherein the
 - 2 first and second data fields are concatenated.
 - 1 16. The method according to claim 14, further
 - 2 comprising generating indicia representative of the at
 - 3 least one functional operation.

- 1 17. The method according to claim 16, further
- 2 comprising generating an end-of-operation identifier after
- 3 said generating indicia.
- 1 18. The method according to claim 14, wherein the
- 2 sensory data is unaltered by the at least one functional
- 3 operation.
- 1 19. The method according to claim 14, wherein the
- 2 historical data element is indicative of applicability of
- 3 the corresponding at least one functional operation to the
- 4 corresponding sensory data element.

- 1 20. A system for generating sensory data and
- 2 historical information, the system comprising:
- 3 means for recording sensory information;
- 4 means for converting the sensory information into
- 5 sensory data;
- 6 at least one measuring device, associated with
- 7 said means for recording, for measuring input parameters
- 8 while recording the sensory information;
- 9 a processing unit coupled to said at least one
- 10 measuring device, said processing unit generating
- 11 historical information and associated historical data
- 12 elements based on the measured input parameters, said
- processing unit further corresponding the historical data
- 14 elements with the sensory data, the historical data
- 15 elements being indicative of applicability of the
- 16 associated historical information to the corresponding
- 17 sensory data;
- memory coupled to said processing unit, for
- 19 storing the sensory data and historical data elements; and

- a communication port, coupled to said processing
- 21 unit, for communicating the sensory data and historical
- 22 data elements.
 - 1 21. The system according to claim 20, wherein the
- 2 sensory data includes a plurality of sensory data
- 3 elements, at least one sensory data element having at
- 4 least one historical data element concatenated thereto.
- 1 22. The system according to claim 21, wherein the at
- 2 least one historical data element is a binary value
- 3 indicative of applicability of the generated historical
- 4 information to at least one sensory data element.
- 1 23. The system according to claim 22, wherein the
- 2 sensory information is at least one of the following:
- visual, auditory, aural, pressure, and
- 4 temperature.

- 1 24. The system according to claim 20, wherein the
- 2 historical information includes functional operations
- 3 performed on the sensory data.
- 1 25. The system according to claim 20, wherein the
- 2 sensory data, historical information, and historical data
- 3 elements are stored in a single datafile.

- 1 26. A system for performing functional operations on
- 2 sensory data and maintaining the functional operations
- 3 applied to the sensory data as historical information, the
- 4 system comprising:
- 5 a processor;
- 6 software, operating on said processor, for
- 7 performing the functional operations on at least one
- 8 sensory data element, said processor generating historical
- 9 information representative of the functional operations,
- 10 and at least one historical data element associated with
- 11 the historical information, the at least one historical
- 12 data element further being associated with the at least
- one sensory data element; and
- a display coupled to said processor, for
- 15 displaying a rendered image of the sensory data as
- 16 modified by the functional operations.
 - 1 27. The system according to claim 26, wherein the at
 - 2 least one historical data element is concatenated to the
 - 3 at least one sensory data element.

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- 4 28. The system according to claim 26, wherein the
- 5 sensory data is unmodified.

- 1 29. A computer-readable medium having stored thereon
- 2 sequences of instructions, the sequences of instructions,
- 3 when executed by a processor, causes the processor to:
- 4 perform a functional operation on at least one
- 5 sensory data element;
- 6 generate at least one historical information data
- 7 element representative of the functional operation;
- 8 generate an historical data element associated
- 9 with the at least one historical information data element;
- 10 and
- 11 concatenate the historical data element with the
- 12 at least one sensory data element.
 - 1 30. The computer-readable medium according to claim
 - 2 29, wherein the sequences of instructions further cause
 - 3 the processor to render the at least one sensory data
 - 4 element as altered by the functional operation.

- 1 31. A system for distributing a sensory datafile
- 2 having historical information associated therewith, the
- 3 system comprising:
- 4 a network for communicating information between
- 5 at least two points coupled to said network; and
- a server, located at a first point, operable to
- 7 communicate a datafile including sensory data and
- 8 historical data elements, at least one historical data
- 9 element being concatenated to a sensory data element and
- 10 indicative of at least one functional operation performed
- on the sensory data element.
 - 1 32. The system according to claim 31, wherein the
- 2 datafile further includes historical information
- 3 representative of the functional operations.

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- 1 33. The system according to claim 31, further
- 2 comprising a parser, in communication with said server,
- 3 operable to modify the sensory data according to said
- 4 historical data elements and at the at least one
- 5 functional operation.
- 1 34. The system according to claim 33, wherein the
- 2 sensory data is unmodified.
- 1 35. The system according to claim 33, further
- 2 comprising a database, coupled to said parser, for storing
- 3 information representative of permission for a licensee to
- 4 modify the datafile.
- 1 36. The system according to claim 31, wherein said
- 2 network includes one of a local area network, wide area
- 3 network, wireless network, and the Internet.

- 1 37. A method for generating a sensory datafile being
- 2 capable of maintaining a plurality of functional
- 3 operations applied to sensory data, said method
- 4 comprising:
- 5 receiving the sensory data;
- 6 generating historical information representative
- 7 of a functional operation applied to at least one sensory
- 8 data element; and
- 9 appending at least one historical data element
- 10 to the at least one sensory data element, the at least one
- 11 historical data element identifying applicability of the
- 12 historical information to the associated at least one
- 13 sensory data element.
 - 1 38. The method according to claim 37, wherein each
 - 2 of the sensory data elements is appended by at least one
 - 3 historical data element.

- 1 39. A system, comprising:
- a computing device operable to receive a datafile
- 3 including sensory data and associated historical
- 4 information, the historical information being
- 5 representative of functional operations applied to at
- 6 least one sensory data element.
- 1 40. The system according to claim 39, wherein the
- 2 sensory data includes a plurality of sensory data
- 3 elements, each sensory data element having at least one
- 4 historical data element appended thereto, and indicative
- 5 of at least one historical information data element being
- 6 applied to the associated sensory data element.
- 1 41. The system according to claim 39, wherein said
- 2 computing device is further operable to render the sensory
- 3 data as affected by the historical information.

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- 1 42. The system according to claim 39, wherein said
- 2 computing device further is operable to undo historical
- 3 information applied to the sensory data.